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MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Mayor's Newsletter provides announcements and details on the numerous events taking place throughout the community. Please feel free to call my office at 201-784-0600, x500 to discuss any issue pertaining to the Borough.

Election Day 2020

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. I urge all residents to exercise their right and duty to vote. Voter information is available on the Borough's website, www.closternj.us, www.Vote411.org www.vote.nj.gov. Voter information is also available by calling 1-877-658-6837.

As stated in Governor Murphy's executive order, voting in NJ is by mail-in or secure ballot drop box. *Accommodations for in-person voting are only made for people with disabilities to use an accessible voting device.* Should you choose to vote in person at your polling place from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, *only a provisional ballot will be provided.*

Voters are urged to either Vote by Mail (ballot envelope must be postmarked on or before 8:00pm November 3rd and received by the County's Board of Elections on or before November 10th) or drop your ballot in a Secure Ballot Drop Box.

Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are located throughout Bergen County. Place your ballot in a secure ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on November 3rd. The closest Secure Ballot Drop Box is located outside of the Demarest Borough Hall, 118 Serpentine Rd., Demarest.



Closter is among New Jersey's 10 Best Places to Live in 2020

Real estate company Coldwell Banker has compiled a list of the 10 Best Areas to Live in NJ in 2020 and two of the top five communities are Bergen County's Wyckoff and *CLOSTER*! According to NJ Realtors, housing inventory was down nearly 40% in Bergen Co. in August compared to the previous year. Closter experienced a 185.7% increase in closed sales. "Towns like Closter have proven desirable due to their location and easy commute to Manhattan. Closter recently expanded its downtown area and shopping district, and has everything a New Yorker desires."

A Message from the Closter Tax Collector's Office

The Tax/Finance Office is reminding all property owners that taxes are due on November 1st, no later than November 10th at 3:00 p.m.

Closter Police Department

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st. Darkness falls an hour earlier in the late afternoon hours when the clocks are set back an hour.

Please reset the timers on both interior and exterior lighting. This simple reset is extremely important as utilizing lighting is one way of deterring opportunities for criminal acts. Drivers and pedestrians alike should increase their diligence when driving or walking during the earlier dusk hours. The earlier dusk creates difficulties for drivers in seeing persons walking or bike riding.

The Closter Fire Department is reminding everyone to replace the batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide (Co2) detectors.

Closter Improvement Commission

! Hear Ye Hear Ye! In the spirit of all things festive, the *2020 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony* will be held virtually, starring, none other than... YOU - all *Closterites* - one and many, young and old, virtual and hybrid, near and far! Share your own visual holiday spirit vibes by sending us a picture, or a short video, or a drawing, representing how you and your family get your spirit on.

Plan to take part in this one of a kind ceremony, brought to you, virtually, by the Closter Improvement Commission. Directions and upload specifics for submitting your photos, videos and holiday spirit will be available on November 4th or 5th.

Closter Public Library

Plan to access the many services being offered by the Closter Public Library. Yoga and meditation are offered via Zoom, as is the *Short Story Club* and the *Library From Home Book Club*. Virtual Zumba is taking place on Thursdays. Information regarding class registrations, required for accessing these programs, can be found on the Library's website, www.closterpubliclibrary.org. Patrons are urged to visit the Library's website for the schedule of Inside Browsing Hours and Outside Pickup Hours.

meeScan is a downloadable app that you can use to charge out material at most libraries. The app is available from the App Store and the Google Play store. And, lastly, an important note: Returns *can only be accepted using the book drop located outside of the auditorium door*. If the book drop is full, please wait a day before returning it.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. A complete calendar of activities is available at www.closterpubliclibrary.org. There is so much more available at the Library... Hot Spots, Streaming Music, Movies, ESL and more!

2020 Closter Food and Assistance Board

The incredible FAB volunteers are working tirelessly to provide the needed assistance to families, especially during the holiday season. 2020 will have contactless *“Frozen Turkeys or Turkey Breast Drop-Off”* **on Saturday, November 22nd from 10am – 4pm. A table will be set up outside in the front of the Closter Senior Center (4 Lewis Street).**

Before heading out to the Senior Center, please check our Facebook page to make sure we are still collecting, as past years have had such overwhelming support, we closed the collection early.

If anyone would like to donate a specific item for Thanksgiving or our end of year Holiday distribution, please email fabofcloster@gmail.com. You can also drop any local grocery store gift cards or checks made payable to Closter Food Pantry in the Tax Payment Mailbox (silver box) in the Lewis St. Lobby of Borough Hall or send via mail to Closter Food & Assistance Board, 295 Old Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ 07624.

Unsure of how you can add support to the Food & Assistance Board's efforts? Since every little bit helps, perhaps think of creating a “donation jar” and placing it near your Thanksgiving table where family/guests can donate a dollar or two to the pantry to help us keep our shelves stocked through the winter month, then mail a check to the Closter Food & Assistance Board and be sure to include your family's name!

Please Use Caution: DEER on our Roadways

Day light savings time and deer mating season can wreak havoc on our roadways. The NJ DEP is urging drivers to be cautious. White-tailed deer become more active during mating season, also known as the fall rut. During this time of year deer are more apt to suddenly run onto roadways as bucks pursue does, creating the increased risk of collisions. Being cautious will become even more important when daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st causing commuters to align with the periods when deer are most active and lighting conditions may be most difficult for driving.

Tips for drivers:

- If traveling after dark, use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic or vehicles ahead.
- Remember: The driver in front of you might have to stop suddenly; don't tailgate.
- Report any deer-vehicle collision to a local law enforcement agency immediately

The Borough continues to move forward in many positive directions. Volunteers are the backbone of any community and I encourage each of you to think of ways in which you can, as a volunteer, make a difference in Closter.

All the Best,



Mayor

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Bergen County Drop Box Locations

Bergenfield	198 North Washington Ave (Borough Hall in Rear)
Demarest	118 Serpentine Road (Borough Hall)
Englewood	2-10 North Van Brunt St (City Hall)
Fair Lawn	8-01 Fair Lawn Avenue (behind Borough Hall)
Fort Lee	1355 Inwood Terrace/Anderson Avenue Circular Drive (Fort Lee Community Center)
Hackensack	One Bergen County Plaza (County Administration Building)
Hasbrouck Heights	320 Boulevard (behind Borough Hall)
Hillsdale	380 Hillsdale Ave (Borough Hall parking lot)
North Arlington	214 Ridge Rd (Borough Hall)
Oakland	One Municipal Plaza (Borough Hall, across from Library)
Old Tappan	227 Old Tappan Rd (Borough Hall)
Paramus	1 Jockish Square (Borough Hall, outside main entrance)
Ramsey	30 Wyckoff Ave (Rear of Library)
Ridgewood	131 North Maple Ave (Village Hall)
Ridgefield	725 Slocum Avenue (Ridgefield Community Center)
Rutherford	176 Park Ave (Borough Hall)
Teaneck	818 Teaneck Rd (Municipal Building, North Entrance)
Wyckoff	340 Franklin Ave (Municipal Building)



What you need to know to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election...

HOW CAN I VOTE BY MAIL?



All active registered voters in New Jersey will automatically receive their ballots in the mail. Then it's as easy as **VOTE, SIGN, SEAL, RETURN.** How you return it is up to you.

- 1... Mail:** It must be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. November 3 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before November 10.
- 2... Secure Ballot Drop Box:** Place your ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 3.
- 3... Board of Elections Office:** Deliver your ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 3.
- 4... Polling Place:** Bring your ballot to your polling place by 8:00 p.m. on election day, November 3. Remember only you, the voter, can bring your ballot to your polling place on election day.

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY BALLOT?



Every active voter registered in New Jersey should receive a ballot in the mail. If it hasn't arrived by October 12, track your vote-by-mail ballot status online at **Vote.NJ.Gov** or contact your County Clerk, listed on the County Election Officials page.

CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?



You may choose to vote in person at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day, November 3, and you will be provided a **provisional paper ballot**. Accommodations will be made for people with disabilities to use an accessible voting device. Remember, you can return your vote-by-mail ballot at your polling place. Go to **Vote.NJ.Gov** for your polling place, listed on the Find Your Polling Location page.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?



You must be registered by October 13 in order to vote. Visit **Vote.NJ.Gov** for online voter registration or to check your registration status.

WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR HELP?



Visit **Vote.NJ.Gov** for full details, drop box and polling locations, and more answers to frequently asked questions. You may also contact your local election officials, or call the Voter Information and Assistance Line at **1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837)**.



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